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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: PERUVIAN-SOVIET MIXED COMMISSION

1. THE CHILEAN NAVY HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO DEFATT (AND, WE UNDERSTAND, TO THE BRAZILIANS) A COPY OF WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS THE MINUTES OF A FISHERIES MEETING BETWEEN PERU AND THE USSR. WE ARE POUCHING THIS TO DEPARTMENT. MINUTES PURPORT TO BE THOSE OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE "PERUVIAN-SOVIET MIXED COMMISSION FOR COLLABORATION ON A PROJECT OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, MOSCOW, JUNE 8-11, 1976." CHIEFS OF DELEGATIONS WERE THE TWO FISHERIES MINISTERS, MARIATEQUI AND ISHKOV. THE MINUTES COVERED THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A) THAT A JOINT SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION IN A SOVIET VESSEL "PROFESSOR MESIATSEV" IN PERUVIAN COASTAL WATERS COULD BE CONTINUED AFTER A DECISION REGARDING FINANCING OF THE PROJECT HAD BEEN REACHED; B) THAT THE SOVIET OWNED COMPANY PROMMASHEXPORT HAS NOW SHIPPED TO PERU CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TERMINAL OF THE "FISHING COMPLEX" AT PAITA, PERU.

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IN THIS REGARD SOVIET SPECIALISTS WILL SUPERVISE THE

INSTALLATION, ADJUSTMENT, AND INITIAL USE OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FURNISHED BY BOTH PERU AND THE USSR. INSTALLATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER 1976; C) THAT THE COUNTRIES WILL PROCEED JOINTLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON. USSR WILL SEND SPECIALISTS TO PERU IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER TO BEGIN BIOLOGICAL STUDIES OF AMAZONIAN SPECIES.

3. FOR THE FUTURE, THE USSR ALSO PROPOSED THAT A SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION RELATED TO FISHING INDUSTRY BE CONDUCTED IN PERUVIAN COASTAL WATERS. PERU EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE TO BE ABLE TO COUNT ON SOVIET COLLABORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERUVIAN INLAND FISHING. THE TERMS OF SUCH COLLABORATION WILL BE DEFINED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AT A LATER DATE.

4. COMMENT: FROM THE INTERNAL EVIDENCE WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THESE MINUTES MAY NOT BE AUTHENTIC. WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE MOTIVATION OF THE CHILEANS IN HANDING OVER COPIES TO US. CLEARLY THEY WOULD LIKE TO IMPRESS UPON US THE SERIOUSNESS OF SOVIET POLITICAL AND MILITARY PENETRATION OF PERU, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN PERU IS RECEIVING U.S. ASSISTANCE AND CHILE IS NOT. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING ADDRESSEE POSTS MIGHT GIVE US WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE SO-CALLED MINUTES.  
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